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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE SIDE

WRIT PETITION NO.3110 OF 2000

Mrs.Sharada S. Purandare ..Petitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1885 OF 2000

Shri Vitthal Govindrao Atram....Petitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1886 OF 2000

Smt. M.J. Kirad ..Petitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.5210 OF 2002

Mrs. Jyoti S. Bhat ..Petitioner
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra & Ors..Respondents

Mr. T.R. Yadav, for the Petitioners

CORAM : F.I. REBELLO &
R.V. MORE,JJ.
DATED : 11TH JANUARY, 2007

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. All these petitions have been filed as at the relevant time the petitioners who were appointed as English Stenographers had not acquired the knowledge of Marathi stenography and consequently there was a threat of their increments being withheld. Interim relief was granted in the matter of withholding the increment. It appears that in

similar cases four years time was granted to acquire knowledge of Marathi Stenography.

2. The learned Counsel for the petitioners draws our attention to the order passed in Writ Petition No.6459 of 2001 dated July 19, 2004 by a learned Bench of this Court. In our opinion these petitions can also be disposed of in similar terms. The benefit granted during the operation of the interim order need not be disturbed and the impugned decision be prospectively implemented. The learned Counsel points out that within the extended period of four years the petitioners have acquired the necessary knowledge in terms of the Government policy. As such they have acquired the qualification their increments are directed not to be withheld and no recovery be made from the petitioners.

. Rule made absolute accordingly. No order as to costs.

(**F.I. REBELLO**, J)

(**R.V. MORE, J)**